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1. The airfield at Putnitz is being rebuilt, and is expected to be occupied by Soviet personnel sometime in April 1951. All construction work and transportation of materials is carried out by German firms, and no Russian personnel have been observed. License numbers of the trucks used on the project (chiefly for transporting gravel) indicate that they are from the Rostock district. The field is guarded by members of the Volkspolizei.
2. A rail line is being built from the Rostock-Stralsund railway to the Putnitz airfield. Thus far, the new line has been staked out and excavations completed from Tempel to the vicinity of the main airfield entrance. Gravel embankments have been built along several sections of the line, and sixty old railway ties have been stacked near the railway crossing. The new line cannot be continued into the airfield itself because the ground water level is too high to permit excavation for this or any other purpose on the area of the field itself. Excavation for the new rail line was to have been completed by 1 January 1951, but has been delayed because of shortages of materials, and the actual date of completion cannot be estimated at this time.*
3. Four barracks, each four by eight meters in size, have been built in the area between the new railway line and the concrete highway which leads to the airfield. The barracks are constructed of solid blocks of concrete. Opposite these barracks, on the other side of the new railway line, are two long wooden barracks which are used to house the building directors of "VVB (Z) Bau-Union Nord Baubetrieb Waren/Mittitz VEB".
4. On the airfield itself, two two-story buildings have been built near the taxiway which leads from the hangars to the runway. These buildings, each about 12 x 20 meters in size, are ready for occupancy. In addition to these buildings, three barracks of solid concrete have been completed, two more are half-finished, and others are scheduled for construction. The taxiway is about 15 meters wide, of concrete construction, and is in good condition. It is to be widened by 12 meters.
5. The runway is also to be widened by 15 meters and it is to be doubled in length. The present length is about one kilometer.

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